ON THE GRAND

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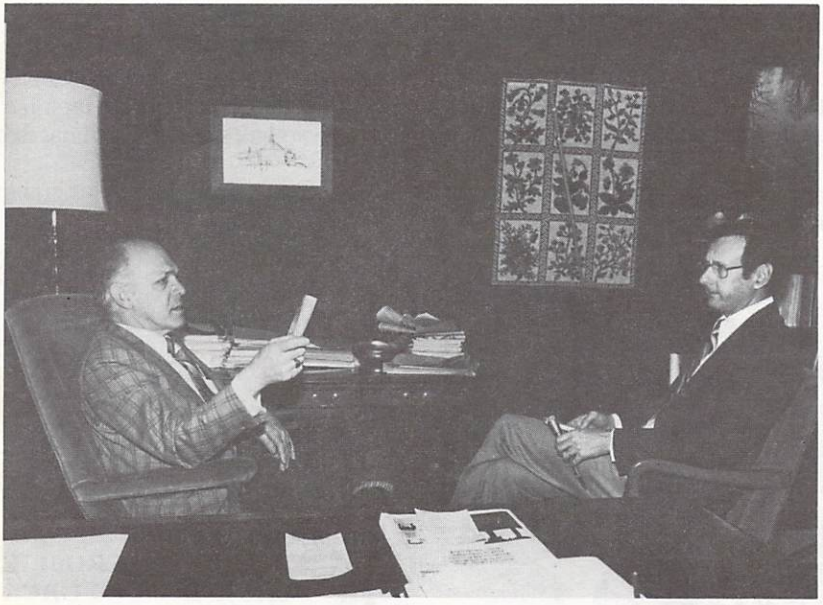
James S. Bauer Retires



James Bauer (left) on one of the many occasions he was interviewed by the media.

Chairman James S. Bauer retired in 1990. He was the first and only chairman the GRCA has had since his election in 1966 to the newly formed Conservation Authority.

In many projects undertaken by the Conservation Authority over the years, Mr. Bauer has played a significant role. Snyder Flats Rehabilitation, Cambridge Flood Protection Works, flood protection and landscaping around the Mohawk Chapel in Brantford, construction of the Guelph Dam and the installation of hydro generators in the Guelph and Shand Dams are only a few of the projects in which Mr. Bauer was involved.

Mr. Bauer was a member of the Grand River Conservation Commission for five years and a member of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority for four years, two of those as Vice Chairman. (These two agencies amalgamated in 1966 to form the present day GRCA.)

James Bauer is a Director and National Treasurer of Canadian Water Resources Association, Past Ontario Vice President, Past National Vice President, and Past National President.

Under the Boardwalk

Be sure to visit the Authority's extensive wetlands exhibit at the 1990 Brant County International Plowing Match just north of Paris from September 18-22.

This "Under the Boardwalk" exhibit emphasizes the importance of wetlands in our environmental future. The exhibit, which features information about bogs, swamps, marshes and fens is co-sponsored by the Grand River and Long Point Region Conservation Authorities. You don't even have to get your feet wet at the Biggest Outdoor Farm Show in Canada.

Cambridge and Brantford Flood Protection Work

The Authority has accepted a tender from Anders Contracting, a Division of Blacktop Enterprises, Hagersville, for the construction of flood protection work on the west bank of the Grand River in Cambridge. The tender was in the amount of $1,221,695.00.
In Brantford, Blue-Con Inc. of London has been awarded the contract to complete flood protection work from Yorkshire Street to the Lorne Bridge. The tender accepted by the Authority was for $1,315,899.00.

New Application Permit Fee Schedule

The Executive Committee has approved a new Schedule of Fees to cover the cost of processing applications for permits under the Fill, Construction and Alteration to Waterways Regulations. These permits are required before construction or filling may proceed on floodplains, wetlands and steep riverbank slopes throughout the Grand River watershed.
Effective June 1, each application for a permit under the Regulations must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, which is now based on a sliding scale of fees.

ARCHIE MACROBBIE ELECTED NEW GRCA CHAIRMAN

At the General Membership Meeting of the GRCA, elections were held for three Executive Committee positions. Elected were Archie MacRobbie (center) to the position of Chairman, Dr. Richard Christy (left) to fill the Member at Large vacancy and Mary Welsh to the position of Vice Chairman.

FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE CHANGES

New Grand Valley Conservation Foundation President John Harris presents retiring President Bob Murray with a commemorative plate in recognition of his service to the Foundation.

At its annual meeting on April 25, the Grand Valley Conservation Foundation appointed a new slate of Executive members. Bob Murray of Brantford retired as President, and was replaced by John Harris of Cambridge. Other Foundation Executive members include Norman Lundvall of Guelph, 1st Vice-President; Marilyn Robinson of Puslinch, 2nd Vice-President; Hilde English of Waterloo, and Alex Lang of Mississauga.

Two new Directors have also been appointed to the Foundation. These are Ken Peers of Woodstock and George Stormont of Waterloo.

Conservation Services Workshop

Forestry Technician Martin Neumann is co-ordinating a Conservation Services Workshop September 5-7 at the Cambridge Administrative Centre. The title of the workshop is "Conservation Services in the Urban Fringe." The sessions at the workshop provide an opportunity for people in public and private sector organizations to update their understanding of their work with trees and reforestation.

Registration is $150 for all three days, $60 for a single day, and $100 for three days for Association of Conservation Authorities of Ontario members. Individual workshop sessions will be led by staff members from the GRCA, private sector organizations, and universities. To register for the workshop, or for information, contact Martin Neumann at extension 260.

JOHNSON WAX DONATION

Dr. Kevin Weir, Assistant Product Manager of S.C. Johnson and Son Ltd., Brantford presents a cheque for the purchase of 100,000 trees to Assistant General Manager Ken Thomson. Dr. Weir holds a symbolic White Pine at the Chesney Wilderness Area, where the first plantings were made.

Courtland School Cleans up at F.W.R. Dickson

Grade 7 students at Courtland Public School in Kitchener have become "stewards" at the F.W.R. Dickson Wilderness Area. As well as using the Area for environmental studies, the students organized five clean up sessions this spring. The clean up will be expanded this fall to include bench construction and placement, as well as minor trail maintenance.

These children and many others in our watershed have an unprecedented commitment to the environment, and their enthusiasm is welcomed by the Conservation Authority and the people of the watershed we serve.

Staff Appointments

The Authority welcomed a number of new staff members and some returning staff members over the last few months. Dave Cunningham, Superintendent of Brant Conservation Area, has been transferred to Water Managment as Regulations Officer. Martha Orloci has also been hired as Regulations Officer in a two year contract position. Martha was previously employed by the Kawartha Region and Long Point Region Conservation Authorities as a Resource Technician.

After two years as the Assistant Superintendent at the Christie Conservation Area of the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, Don Farncombe returns to the GRCA as the Superintendent of Brant Conservation Area. Don was formerly the Assistant Superintendent of Byng Island Conservation Area.

A DELEGATION FROM CHINA
Engineering and planning professionals from the People's Republic of China toured Conservation Authority projects under the sponsorship of the World University Service of Canada on June 25.

SPECIAL CONSTABLES SWORN IN
In Guelph on June 21 Judge Bruce Payne swore in Conservation Area Superintendents Doug Sherritt (Conestogo Lake), Jack Griffin (Pinehurst Lake), Jim Muir (Guelph Lake) and Security Supervisor Jim Woods as Special Constables under the Ontario Police Act, with Conservation Authority General Manager Mac Coutts in attendance.

Dan Schneider has returned to the Guelph Lake Interpretive Centre as Resource Interpreter after a nine month leave of absence, during which time he picked up a Bachelor of Education degree.

In the laboratory, Dave Fellowes has been hired as Environmental Technician. Dave worked previously as a Surveying Assistant, and a Fish and Wildlife Technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

After more than a year in Policy and Planning, Ron Bauman has assumed a position with the Communications Section where he is undertaking resource interpretive programs. Working out of the Fairlake Centre, Ron will provide programs at our Nature Centres and to interested groups throughout the watershed.